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Application of: Khaw et al.

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For: IMMUNOASSAY TECHNIQUE USING
MULTISPECIFIC MOLECULES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, please consider the amendments and remarks below. Also submitted herewith are: (a) an Information Disclosure Statement; (b) a Form PTO-1449 listing References AM-AP with a copy of each of References AM-AP; (c) a marked-up version of the claims amended herein as Appendix A; and (d) a copy of the claims as pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment as Appendix B.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 26-50 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3-8, 11, 13-15, and 23-25 and new claim 56 as follows:

1. A method of detecting an antigen of interest in a sample comprising:
contacting the sample with a multispecific molecule, said multispecific molecule being capable of simultaneously binding the antigen of interest and a labeled detection probe, and allowing an antigen-multispecific molecule complex to form;

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